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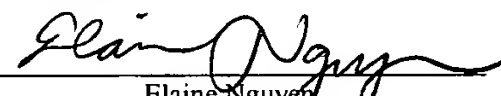
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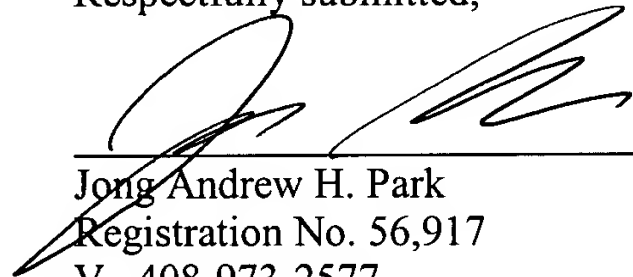
This is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed June 27, 2007. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

The Examiner states on Page 2 of the Examiner's Answer, "The statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief is incorrect." The applicants submit the status of claims contained in the appeal brief is correct. Claim 12 had been canceled in the amendment mailed July 12, 2004. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-11, and 13-14 are pending in the application and are the subject of the appeal. Claims 5, 8, 12, and 15-57 have been previously canceled.

The Examiner states on Page 3 of the Examiner's Answer, "The minor errors are as follows: No mention is made of the status of the missing claims as per section (3), above." The applicants submit the claims appendix of the appeal brief includes all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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